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Civil Justice.

Subordinate Judges in the Presidency.

*313 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many Sub-Judges are considered to be holding temporary appointments and how many of them have over five years' service as Sub-Judges and how many have had between three and five years' service;

(b) whether it is a fact that service as temporary Judges counts for increase of pay but is of no use for fixing pension;

(c) what the lowest number of temporary Sub-Judges has been within the last ten years and in what year; and

(d) whether the Government have any intention of increasing the number of permanent Sub-Judges?

A.—(a) There are at present 17 temporary sub-courts and 17 acting sub-judges will be considered to hold temporary appointments. Of the acting sub-judges 8 have put in more than five years' service and 7 between three and five years' service.

(b) Yes.

(c) The number of temporary sub-judges was lowest in 1919, being 16.

(d) The number of sub-judges depends on the number of permanent sub-courts. The question of permanently retaining any of the temporary courts will be examined shortly by the Government.

Increase in the number of District Judges and District Collectors.

*314 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from the Secretary of State regarding the increase in the number of District Judges and District Collectors belonging to the Provincial service and if so, when and to what effect;

(b) whether the Government have any hope of getting the increase sanctioned in the near future and if so, when and to what extent; and

(c) whether the Government have any intention of fixing the number of posts of district judges and sub-judges to be given to the sub-judges already in service and if so, when they intend to publish this scheme and to what effect?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to answer to clause (a). The matter is not within the powers of the Local Government.

Court of Subordinate Judge in Coimbatore.

*315 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the final orders have been passed as to whether there should be in the district of Coimbatore one court with two sub-judges or two separate sub-courts; and

(b) if there are to be two sub-courts, whether the Government have come to any conclusion as to the place or places where the courts should be located and if so, to what effect?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not yet come to a final decision in the matter. For the present the temporary additional sub-court is to be abolished with effect from the 1st August 1925 and the Presiding Officer posted to the principal sub-court as additional sub-judge.

Irrigation.

Raising the full tank level of Purikulam tank.

* 316 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of raising the F.T.L. (full tank level) of Purikulam tank was twice moved in this Council on 13th October 1924 and on 4th February 1925;

(*b*) whether funds have been allotted for this work since February 1925;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that even the ordinary repairs to this tank are being held back;

(*d*) whether the work will be started this year and finished before September 1926; and

(*e*) if the allotment of funds be not feasible, whether Government are going to do the ordinary repairs at least during the current year in sluices, bund and the supply channel which is contracted and silted up?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate for raising the full tank level of Paraikulam which has joint irrigation with Purikulam is about to be sanctioned—if funds can be allotted, the work will be begun this year.

(*e*) This will be considered.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"With regard to clause (*a*), may I know, Sir, whether it will be favourably considered?"

Executive Engineers in charge of Godavari and Kistna deltas.

* 317 *Q.*—Mr. M. Seetayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing the names of the Executive Engineers in charge of the various divisions in the Godavari and the Kistna deltas during the last ten years and the period during which the said officers were in charge of each division?

A.—A statement has been prepared and sent to the hon. Member.

Mr. P. Peddiraju:—"Though the statement was not published, it has been placed on the table; and may I ask the hon. the Law Member to see that transfers are effected in the Kistna Eastern division every three and four months?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"I have made a note of that, Sir."